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### **Push Rim Activated Power Assist Wheels (E0986)**

**Effective Date: April 1, 2020**

**Applies to: Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers**

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#### **Rent to Purchase**

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reimburse push rim power assist wheels (procedure code E0986RR) as a rent to purchase item only. This will take effect April 1, 2020. The monthly rental fee is \$417.61 per month for 12 months, until reaching the purchase price of \$5,011.26.

Power assist wheels will not be covered for participants residing in nursing facilities.

If the participant's condition changes, is in need of a power wheelchair, and the purchase price has not been met, the push rim power assist wheels must be returned to the provider.

#### **Qualifying Criteria**

Effective February 17, 2020, the following criteria must be met to obtain power assist wheels for a manual wheelchair:

- The participant's mobility limitation cannot be sufficiently and resolved by the use of an appropriately fitted cane or walker.
- The participant has a mobility limitation that significantly impairs his/her ability to participate in one or more mobility related activities of daily living (MRADL's).

- The participant has been self-propelling in a manual wheelchair for at least 1 year.
- The participant no longer has sufficient upper extremity function to self-propel an optimally configured manual wheelchair for functional mobility.
- The participant must have a specialty evaluation performed by a licensed/certified medical professional, such as PT or OT; or a practitioner who has specific training and experience in rehabilitation wheelchair evaluations. The PT/OT or practitioner may have no financial relationship with the supplier.
- A RESNA certified Assistive Technology Professional (ATP), employed by the DME provider must have direct, in person, involvement in the wheelchair selection for the beneficiary.
- Documentation must include, in detail, the need for the device for functional mobility.

### **Applicability**

Managed Care enrolled providers should contact their Managed Care Organization for questions regarding push rim wheels.

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

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**Provider Communications Hotline  
573-751-2896**